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Elba Police arrest one on drug charges

Elba Police arrested a male subject in the early morning hours of Tuesday, Jan. 23, for possession of illegal drugs, according to Coffee County Jail records.

Reports show James Hall, age 49, of Elba was booked into the county jail following his arrest in Elba on

the charges of possession of a controlled substance, illegal possession of prescription drugs, and misdemeanor possession of drug para-



Hall

phernalia. As of press time this week, bond had not been set on these charges.

Also, Hall was charged with a misdemeanor failure to appear charge, which carries a \$500 bond.

He remained in the Coffee County Jail as of press time this week.

During Coffee County Commission meeting

New mayor of New Brockton introduces himself

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners met the new mayor of New Brockton during their meeting Monday morning, Jan. 22, at the county complex in New Brockton.

Charles "Chuck" Schieffer was selected to be mayor by the New Brockton Town Council in October 2023 to complete the current municipal term. He replaced Ralph Medley who had resigned the post.

Mayor Schieffer was in attendance for Monday's commission meeting, and chairman Dean Smith recognized him to introduce himself to all and discuss his plans for the town.

"The plan right now is on-the-job training," Schieffer joked. "I was selected by the council in October to be mayor and since December have been trying to get my feet on the ground [for the position]."

The new mayor said he would like to work to improve the general conditions of New Brockton, adding that he had met earlier Monday morning with Coffee County engineer Michael Walters to discuss a couple of streets that need to be looked at for the town. Also, he said he wants to look at improving or doing something with the old city hall building.

Schieffer added that he has a military background and retired after 29 years of service. He said he and his wife have been in New Brockton since 1995.

"So far, [being mayor] has really been interesting," he said. "I have enjoyed meeting people and going to various events so far."

He said he looked forward

Elba Mayor Tom Maddox says officials ready to meet & discuss direction for Coffee County Lake

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba City Council conducted a relatively routine meeting Monday evening, Jan. 22, with the majority of the time being spent on a review of financials.

As the mayor and council members looked at the numbers comparing this year with last, Mayor Maddox noted that overall the report looked good with spending down and various revenues up for the year.

Police Lt. Russ Young attended the meeting in place of interim Chief Shayne Arnett. He noted that Chief Arnett had gone to the doctor earlier in the day and could not be there.

Young said the department had hired a new officer that has begun work. Prior to coming to Elba, he said the officer had been employed full-time with Andalusia and part-time with New Brockton. Now, he said he would be full-time with Elba and



New Brockton Mayor Chuck Schieffer is shown here speaking with media following Monday's Coffee County Commission meeting. Schieffer was named the town's mayor in October to complete the current municipal term.

to working with the Coffee County Commission.

"We appreciate you for putting yourself out there for service," Smith said to Schieffer as he concluded the introduction.

Regarding county business, the county engineer asked commissioners to approve a proposal from JM Wood Auction to place five dump trucks and six tractors (used to bush hog) that are being replaced in rotation in the JM Wood auction set for March 19-22 in Montgomery, Ala. Walters said JM Wood had proposed a minimum guarantee for the sale of the items at \$1,182,500 with a commission rate of seven percent.

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve this request.

remain part-time with New Brockton.

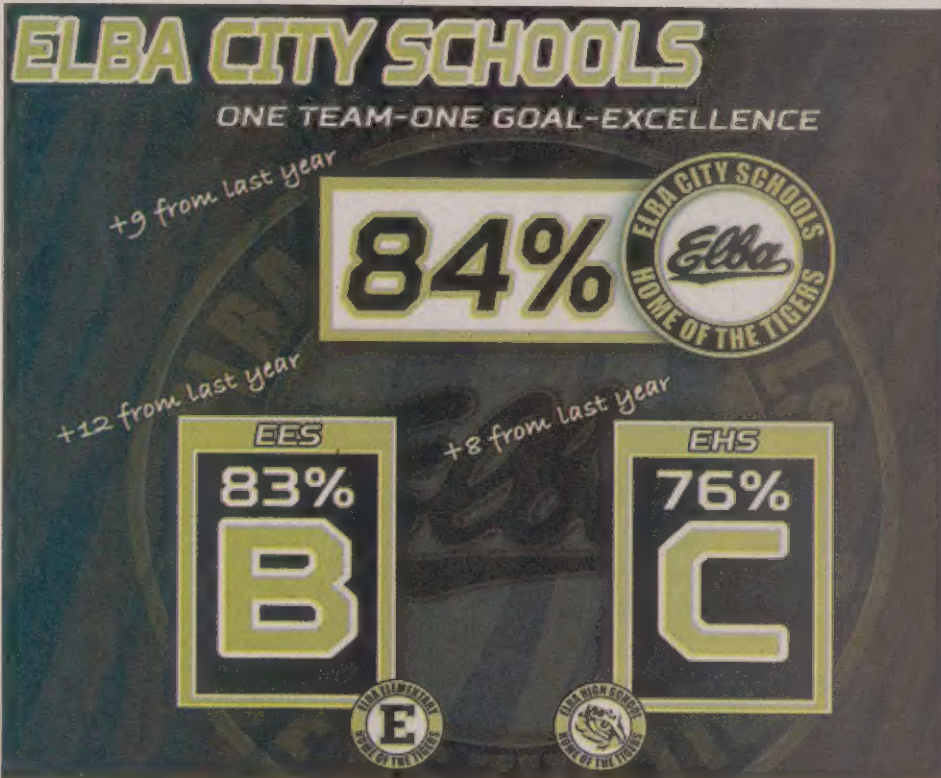
Council member Bryan Grimes asked where that has the police department regarding staff, and Young said the department is still a few officers short but not "real bad off" currently. He did add that one officer is currently out on medical leave.

The council looked at a proposal for lawn care service on properties the city inherited from the Elba Healthcare Authority when it dissolved recently. These properties are located in the area of Highland Drive and Drayton Avenue.

After reviewing the document, council members voted to bid the lawn care services for these properties, and that advertisement for bids will begin once a "bid opening date" is determined.

Mayor Maddox said officials are ready to have a meeting between state Department of Conservation

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Superintendent makes announcement at school board meeting

Elba Elementary School earns state recognition for 12-point improvement on annual "report card"

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Schools throughout Alabama received their 'state report card' results in mid-December, just as most were headed into the Christmas holiday break. During last week's Elba Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Chris Moseley announced that the 12-point score improvement for Elba Elementary School on this year's report card had earned the school state recognition.

Moseley had received notice from the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) letting him know the state "recognizes schools for the Legislative School Performance Recognition Program each year." That program is designed to identify schools in one of two categories:

1. Schools that demonstrate high performance by being ranked in the top 25 percent of public schools, as ranked in the school grading system.

2. Schools that demonstrate exemplary progress by

improving the overall annual ranking of the school by at least one letter grade, as ranked in the school grading system.

Elba Elementary School qualified for recognition in the improved category for the 2022-2023 school year.

Elba Elementary Schools scored a "B" on its report card with an 83%. That was a 12-point improvement from the school's score the year prior.

While that alone would be enough for any school administrator to be pleased, Moseley said he was proud of all at Elba City Schools because this year's report card results also showed vast improvements for the high school and overall system. He said it was evidence of the hard work of the teachers,

administrators and students at Elba City Schools.

Elba High Schools report card grade improved eight points this year to 76% giving the high school a "C" grade.

Overall, the Elba City School System achieved a "B" on the report card for the 2022-2023 school year with a grade of 84%. That was a 9-point increase for the system.

"I am very proud of the accomplishments the system has made regarding this year's report card scores...," said Elba Superintendent Chris Moseley.

"I'm extremely proud of staff and the students for their hard work!"

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we felt good, but once we received our first report card which was last year we were all very disappointed," Moseley said. "Therefore, we went to work and it shows. It really shows the dedication of the faculty and staff at both schools to raise the scores like they did. I'm extremely proud of them and the students for their hard work!"

During the board meeting Moseley said he, along with Elba Elementary School principal Kenya Martin, counselor Anna Marie Moore, and reading specialist Sasha O'Neal would represent the elementary school Thursday, Feb. 8, at a 10 a.m. meeting in Montgomery where the school would be recognized for its exemplary improvement on its annual ranking.

"We are very excited about this opportunity and recognition," Moseley said to board members.

Also, during the board meeting, the superintendent presented several policy changes for board members to consider. The majority of these changes were simple 'wording' changes to adopt verbiage that aligned better with state requirements. Other policy changes were additions of policies required by the state.

There were no personnel matters for board members to consider during this meeting.

Board members were thanked by the central office staff for their dedication to the school system as January is School Board Member Appreciation Month across the state.

First Baptist Church Elba begins new ministry aimed to help boys ages 7-17 with no father/male role model in their lives

First Baptist Church Elba is starting a new ministry through the Fathers in the Field® program, created to assist single moms with boys ages 7-17.

Fathers in the Field was created by John Smithbaker, a man who was deserted by his own father at a young age. Upon accepting Christ in 2002 and being reconciled to his Heavenly Father, Smithbaker started a journey of understanding, acceptance, and most importantly, extending and asking forgiveness.

In 2005, Smithbaker was inspired to create a way to seek and help others suffering the pain of a father's abandonment, and Fathers in the Field was born.

There is no cost - only commitment - to be involved with this ministry. Boys ages 7-17, who need male role models qualify [do not have a father or male mentor in their life] for the program.

The mission of Fathers in the Field is to rekindle and establish the spirit of boys who have been abandoned by their fathers; mentoring them one-on-one in life skills through outdoor activities, and by sharing a Christian understanding of the Heavenly Father's love and sacrifice for His children.

To discover more about Fathers in the Field® visit the website: www.fathersinthe-field.com or call First Baptist Church Elba at (334) 897-2246.



NOTICE:

Coffee County citizens are reminded Monday, Feb. 12, at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline for registering to vote in the March 5, 2024 Primary Election. The Board of Registrars' office is located in the Coffee County Complex, E. McKinnon St., New Brockton, AL. Also, voters wanting to update their voting information to reflect a change in name or address should contact the Board of Registrars at (334) 894-5347.

Area Happenings

Altrusa of Jack, AL will host Winter Bingo this Friday, Jan. 26, beginning at 6 p.m., at the Zion Chapel Senior Citizens Center. \$20 for unlimited Bingo. There will be concessions, prizes, and fun. All proceeds will benefit the organization's service projects.

The Miss Elbala Pageant will be Saturday, Feb. 3, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium. It is open to all girls attending Elba City Schools.

The Elba Elementary School PTO will host the Daddy/Daughter Sweetheart Dance on Friday, Feb. 16, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Elba Elementary School. Tickets can be purchased in the EES office [no tickets will be sold at the door the night of the dance].

EDITORIAL

We can end cervical cancer in our lifetime

Editorial by Nancy Wright,
Director, Cancer Prevention and
Control Division, ADPH

I was raised in Butler County, Ala., surrounded by caring family members and friends. I married my high school sweetheart, and we chose to raise our two daughters in Butler County so we could offer them the same opportunities we had to be surrounded by family and be part of a community that cares and supports one another.

This upbringing is what motivated both my husband and me to pursue careers in public health. I have had the opportunity to spend the

past 20 years of my career working to educate citizens about breast, cervical, colorectal, prostate, lung, and skin cancers, among others.

I have worked to promote prevention of cancer through healthy habits and to promote screening to find cancer early when it is most treatable. I've worked with cancer survivors and their families, advocates, universities, businesses, churches, and communities to host free screening events, improve access to care in rural areas, and raise awareness of the importance of cancer screening. It has been the most positive, action-orient-

ed, hopeful, and fulfilling experience.

However, despite all we have done, my home state has one of the highest rates of death from cervical cancer in the United States. As a matter of fact, we are one of the top five states that have the highest rate in the nation. This is especially unacceptable given that cervical cancer is one of the only cancers that can be stopped—actually eliminated—in our lifetime.

This made me reflect on these past 20 years as a

public health servant. The common thread in most of our accomplishments in Alabama has been that when women and communities come together to fight against cancer, they make a difference. I know from this experience, if we work together, we can end cervical cancer in our communities.

It takes three steps to eliminate cervical cancer: 1) Increase HPV vaccination, 2) Increase cervical cancer screening through HPV/Pap tests, 3) Ensure women return to their health care pro-

viders for further testing and treatment when screening tests show abnormal cells.

Cervical cancer is caused by HPV, the human papilloma virus. Nearly everyone is exposed to this virus in their lifetime. For most people, their body destroys the virus, but for a small percentage of people, their body doesn't destroy the virus. Over time, the virus can cause precancer which can lead to cervical cancer if not treated.

The HPV vaccination ensures that the body is protected from the infection in the first place. It is important to vaccinate girls and boys when they are young, age 9-12 ideally, before they are exposed to the virus. Girls and boys can receive the vaccine from age 9-26.

The HPV vaccine actually protects girls from getting cervical cancer. It also helps to protect against head and neck cancer and anal cancer in boys and girls and penile cancer in boys.

The second step is to get

regular screening for cervical cancer. The HPV/Pap test can detect if a female has the HPV virus. The third step, follow-up/treatment, is important because it provides the opportunity for a health care provider to follow a woman more closely in the event of an abnormal cervical cancer screening. A second test may then be needed to examine the tissue and determine if there are precancerous cells; this test is called a colposcopy.

Many women who find that their HPV/Pap test is positive, don't return to their health care provider for the follow-up colposcopy. It is very important to follow up with your health care provider.

A colposcopy determines if there are pre-cancer or cancer cells. If found early, the cells can be easily removed. If not found early, invasive cancer is possible and can lead to death.

For low-income women

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Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024, through Monday, Jan. 22, 2024, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Tuesday, Jan. 16 – Burglary reported at 971 Harper Dr (5:26 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, one citation, and one written warning.

Wednesday, Jan. 17 – Burglary reported at 1315 Hickman Ave (7:00 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1649 Boswell St (12:53 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 316 Simmons St (1:15 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 609 Pinecove Dr – w/ impound (1:36 p.m.); Burglary reported at 19780 Hwy 87 N (5:36 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Hwy 125 N (11:09 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in written warnings.

Thursday, Jan. 18 – Vandalism reported at 705 Kennedy Dr (10:30 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1604 Forest Lake Dr (10:37 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 192 County Rd 401 (2:58 p.m.); Intoxicated driver reported at 632 Claxton Ave N (5:37

p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 1404 Reese Ave (7:54 p.m.). Nine traffic stops resulted in one no action taken, five verbal warnings, two written warnings, and one citation.

Friday, Jan. 19 – Animal complaint reported at 866 Cedar Lane Dr (12:33 p.m.).

Saturday, Jan. 20 – Theft of property reported at 775 Claxton Ave N (2:30 a.m.); Fraudulent use of a credit/debit card reported at 816 Putnam St (10:34 a.m.). One traffic stop resulted in advice given.

Sunday, Jan. 21 – Intoxicated driver reported E of Hwy 141, Jack – citation issued (2:32 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 459 County Rd 455, Kinston (6:46 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a citation.

Monday, Jan. 22 – Traffic accident reported at 475 Hwy 203 (12:08 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 234 Old Samson Rd (3:08 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 402 Collier St (3:11 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on Farris Ave (5:34 p.m.). Eleven traffic stops resulted in three citations, six written warnings, and two verbal warnings.

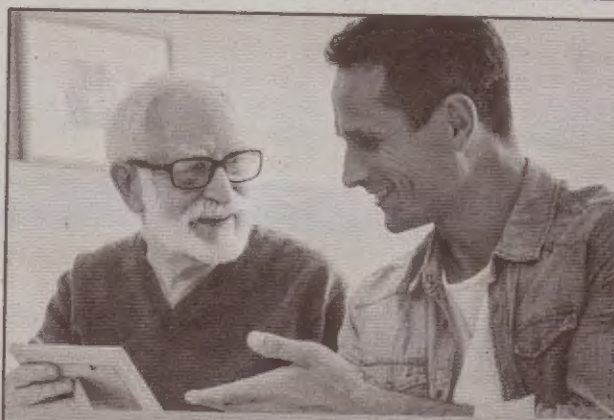
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Lou Lou has been joking for weeks that her plan was to wear tennis shoes with her dress that evening, and Sister has been determined to keep that from happening. If she could get away with it, that is exactly what Lou Lou would do, but she crumbled under Sister's piercing eyes and purchased shoes more appropriate for the event.

It became quite comical at the shoe store as Lou Lou found her shoes, relatively quickly, and she even got the nod of approval from Sister right away on the shoes, which was surprising to both of them. Sister, on the other hand, was about to need to pay rent in the store before she made her decision on shoes.

Multiple shoes were 'tried on' in various designs and heel lengths. Then, there were the pictures that needed to be taken of the shoes on Sister's feet to help determine which ones looked the best [if they passed the first test of 'feel good']. Thirdly, said pictures had to be texted to others to get opinions on which looked best.

It was a whole ordeal! In between taken said photos for Sister, Lou Lou had to just find a place to sit down and wait because there was no need to interfere with the process.

Eventually, Sister narrowed down her search to two pair. Lou Lou offered her opinion on which one she liked best. Others being kept in the loop via text had agreed that either would be good, so, it basically came down to Sister deciding on one.

Well...that final decision became the hardest of all for Sister. So, she just bought 'em both!!

"What in the name of Yonder are you doing?!?!?" Lou Lou wanted to know.

"You can only wear one pair that night! Why are you buying them both?!?!?"

"It will be a game time decision," was Sister's explanation. "I like them both so when I get dressed Saturday, I will just wear the one I chose in that moment. Then, I will still have the other to wear another time!"

To Sister, it was a win-win situation. To Lou Lou, it was an over-purchase. Oh well...it's Sister's money to spend [or waste] however she chooses! Now, we will wait and see which pair goes to the party, and which one stays home just waiting for its day to shine!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

Deadline to apply in-person for an absentee ballots for March Primary Election is Feb. 29

Please note that Thursday, Feb. 29, at 4:30 p.m., is the deadline to apply in person for absentee ballots for the March 5th Primary Election.

Applications for absentee voting are available at the absentee election manager's office in New Brockton. Absentee Election Manager is Debbie Kinsaul. Mailing address is P.O. Box 427, New Brockton, AL, 36351. The physical location is 5 County Complex, New Brockton, Alabama.

Any qualified voter may submit an absentee ballot application by mail or in person to the Absentee Election Manager's office for the following reasons:

- The voter is out of the country or state on Election Day.
- The voter has any physical illness or infirmity which prevents the voter from attending the polls.
- The voter works a shift that has at least 10 hours, which coincide with the hours the polls are open at the voter's regular polling place.
- The voter is a student enrolled in school outside the county of residence.
- The voter is a member, a spouse or a dependent of a member of the United States Armed Forces or is

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and Natural Resources, City of Elba, and Coffee County leaders to discuss the direction to take in getting the Coffee County Lake reopened to the public for recreational fishing. The mayor said his hope is for that meeting to be held soon.

Also, the mayor noted new ownership of the Elba Florist and Gifts business in the downtown area. He said there would be a grand opening and ribbon cutting on Saturday, Jan. 27, with new owners Terry and Darla Wise. The ribbon cutting is set for 10 a.m.

The next Elba City Council meeting will be Monday, Feb. 12, at 5:30 p.m. at Elba City Hall.

similarly qualified to vote absentee according to the Federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

- The voter is a caregiver for a family member who is confined to their own home.
- The voter is incarcerated in prison or jail and have not been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude.

Alabama voters voting under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) may receive additional information by contacting the

Board of Registrars' office or the office of the Alabama Secretary of State for expanded options.

Completed ballots must be returned by the voter in person to the Absentee Election Manager at 5 County Complex, New Brockton, Alabama no later than one day prior to the election, or if mailed through the United States Postal Service, it must be postmarked no later than one day prior to the election.

Multiple ballots cannot be mailed in the same envelope.

WIPE OUT

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and children without health insurance coverage, the ADPH can provide the HPV vaccination at no charge. In addition, I manage a program called the Alabama Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (ABCCEDP) that provides the HPV/Pap test, colposcopy, and other needed tests to diagnose and treat cervical cancer at no cost to the women who live in Alabama.

To learn more, call your local health department for information about HPV and the ABCCEDP Program. You can also call the ABCCEDP hotline at 1-877-252-3324 to find out where to get your HPV vaccination and where to get screened for cervical cancer.

The ADPH is committed to this public health problem; in May 2023, our State Health Officer launched an action plan to eliminate cervical cancer in Alabama. Called "Operation WIPE OUT," the plan outlines the actions we can take as physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, business leaders, advocates, and community leaders to implement these three steps and WIPE OUT Cervical Cancer in our state. As a result, Alabama is the first and only state in the nation to announce its intent to eliminate cervical cancer. We are the first state to respond to the World Health Organization's 2020 Call to Action to eliminate cervical cancer as a public health problem globally.

The Operation WIPE OUT founding partners include ADPH, TogetHER for Health, the University of Alabama at Birmingham Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center, Rotary Club of Birmingham, Rotary Club of LaFayette, American Cancer Society, and Quality of Life Health Care Services. Since its launch, many other partners have joined, and all Alabamians are invited to join the collaboration and support the elimination of cervical cancer through HPV vaccination, screening, and follow-up/treatment. To find out more, visit our website at alabamapublichealth.gov/cancer/cervical.html.

Join me in this fight against cervical cancer. Help me end cervical cancer in Alabama. I have no doubt that everyone in our state will come together to promote these three steps in their communities and to support one another in this campaign to WIPE OUT Cervical Cancer.

Knowing my daughters can grow up without fear of cervical cancer and that their children may not even know what cervical cancer is, is worth fighting for.

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Obituaries

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HELEN COWEN MURPHY

Mrs. Helen Cowen Murphy, age 81, of Opp, Ala., died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024, at Mizell Memorial Hospital.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024, beginning at 11 a.m., from New Ebenezer Baptist Church in the Curtis Community (3132 Hwy 141, Elba, AL 36323).

Mrs. Murphy was preceded in death by her husband, Donnie Murphy; daughter, Laura Wise Pike; son, Chuck Wise; sister, Corine McCarthy; and granddaughter, Taylor Osborn.

Survivors include her daughters: Anniah St. John and Mandi Richardson; sisters: Ramona Hammett, Mary Flagg, Ann Scott, and Janice Lindsay & Bill; brothers: Roland Cowen & Shelby, Charles Cowen & Amy, Ed Cowen & Myrna, and Jeff Cowen & Sharon; along with nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

PHYLLIS ADELIA WILLIAMS

Mrs. Phyllis Adelia Williams, age 64, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Jan. 15, 2024, at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 19, 2024, from the Chapel of Hayes

Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Will Jordan officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made in Phyllis's honor to Gentiva Hospice of Enterprise.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her father - Charles Wayne Harrison. Survivors include her husband: Roger Kent Williams; son: Matthew Kent Williams; mother: Adelia Harrison; sister: Shelia Harrison; brothers: Kenneth Harrison, and Tim (Linda) Harrison, all of Elba; along with her aunts: Betty Jo (Ken) Hicks, Elba, and Annette Windham, New Brockton, Ala.

SUSAN ANN BLANTON ALLEN

Mrs. Susan Ann Blanton Allen, age 66, affectionately known as "Susie" to her friends and family, died peacefully Friday, Jan. 5, 2024, at her home in Fort Payne, Ala.

Susie was born the baby of the family Nov. 20, 1957, in Elba, Ala., to James Ewell and Rushia Blanton.

Susie's journey through life was marked by her love for her family, her passion for nursing, and her compassion for others. She was a graduate of Zion Chapel High School and went on to earn her nursing degree from Douglas MacArthur

State Technical College. Her career as a licensed practical nurse spanned over three decades. Susie began her nursing career at Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home, and later carried over to East Alabama Medical Center in Opelika.

On Feb. 8, 1986, Susie married the love of her life, Roger Allen, in a church ceremony surrounded by the love of their families and friends.

Susie had suffered with her health over the past several years and overcame numerous obstacles during that time.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ewell and Rushia Blanton; and father and mother-in-law, Clarence, and Peggy Allen.

Survivors include her husband, Roger Allen; sisters: Shirley Goodson (Roger); Camellia Hayes, and Lena Walser (Dennis); and stepdaughter: Natalie Cummings (Richard); along with a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

MARLENE UHRICH

Ms. Marlene Uhrich, age 74, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024, at Ascension Sacred Heart in Pensacola, Fla. Funeral arrangements will be announced upon completion by Hayes Funeral Home of Elba.

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I would like to thank my customers and friends for your support the last 18 years of me owning Elba Florist. As most of you know, my mother, Angie Pope Davis, who worked with me for all these years, has had some strokes and health issues. I made the decision to sell the store so I can be in Opp to take care of her. Again, thanks for all the years of patronage to our family and Elba Florist.

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The Role of Hobbies in Grieving

When a loved one passes away, families must decide what to do with their social media accounts. Many families opt to keep their loved one's accounts active for friends and family to share memories and condolences. Facebook has a special feature where families can convert a deceased loved one's Facebook page into a memorial page.

Memorialized pages, or accounts, are a place on the internet for friends and family to gather and share memories after a person has passed away. Memorializing an account helps keep it secure by preventing any unauthorized person from logging into it.

When a active Facebook account is converted to a memorial account, here's what changes: "Remembering" is displayed next to your loved one's name on their profile; Depending on the privacy settings you choose during setup, extended family and friends can share memories on the memorialized timeline; Content your loved one shared while active, like photos and their posts, stay visible on Facebook to whoever your loved one originally shared with; Your loved one's memorialized profile won't appear in public spaces such as in "Suggestions for People You May Know" or in birthday reminders; No one can log into a memorialized account, and memorialized accounts without an accompanying legacy contact can't be changed.

If you want to change a loved one's Facebook page into a memorial page you can contact Facebook. However, you should also check to see if your loved one named you, or someone else, as a legacy contact.

A Facebook legacy contact is someone designated by a Facebook account-holder while alive to look after their account when it's memorialized after their passing. Anyone with a Facebook account can make this simple arrangement ahead of time.

A Legacy Contact can: Write pinned posts for your loved one's profile. As an example, you can share a final message they have asked to be shared upon their death, or a favorite poem, piece of music or video; View all the person's posts, even if they had their privacy setting set to Only Me; Decide who can see and who can post tributes, and to create an area for those tributes; Delete inappropriate tribute posts; Change who can see posts that the deceased person is tagged in; Remove tags of the deceased person that someone else has posted; Respond to new friend requests appropriately; Update your loved one's profile picture and cover photo; Request the removal of the account; Turn off the requirement to review posts and tags before they appear in the tributes section, if the deceased person had "timeline review" turned on; Download a copy of anything shared on Facebook.

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Applications for absentee voting are available at the absentee election manager's office in New Brockton. Absentee Election Manager is Debbie Kinsaul. Mailing address is P.O. Box 427, New Brockton, AL, 36351. The physical location is 5 County Complex, New Brockton, Alabama.

Any qualified voter may submit an absentee ballot application by mail or in person to the Absentee Election Manager's office for the following reasons:

- The voter is out of the country or state on Election Day.

- The voter has any physical illness or infirmity which prevents the voter from attending the polls.

- The voter works a shift that has at least 10 hours, which coincide with the hours the polls are open at the voter's regular polling place.

- The voter is a student enrolled in school outside the county of residence.

- The voter is a member, a spouse or a dependent of a member of the United States Armed Forces or is similarly qualified to vote absentee according to the Federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

- The voter is a caregiver for a family member who is confined to their own home.

- The voter is incarcerated in prison or jail and have not been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude.

Alabama voters voting under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) may receive additional information by contacting the Board of Registrars' office or the office of the Alabama Secretary of State for expanded options.

Completed ballots must be returned by the voter in person to the Absentee Election Manager at 5 County Complex, New Brockton, Alabama no later than one day prior to the election, or if mailed through the United States Postal Service, it must be postmarked no later than one day prior to the election.

Multiple ballots cannot be mailed in the same envelope.

Round and About With Eria's Daughter 334-282-2200



Scripture: Don't worry about the wicked or envy those who do wrong. Psalm 37:1

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

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January Birthdays

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Yvonne White Jones 1/25
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Entitled

There she was, leaning on the horn of her SUV in the mall parking lot. How could that other driver have had the nerve to zip into the coveted parking space ahead of her? Surely that driver had seen that her blinking turn signal entitled her to that spot! The verb entitle and its associated noun entitlement have taken on a negative ring over the years. The reason for this is that these words are often uttered in contexts of demanding what one thinks is owed. People use these words as justification for behaving as though they deserve honor, acknowledgment, and other considerations. This is reflected in one particular dictionary definition that entitlement is a "belief that one is deserving of... certain privileges." That same dictionary also offers this definition of the verb entitle: "to furnish with proper grounds for seeking or claiming something."

Today's text and others in Hebrews address a legal right that was purchased when God's son died in our place: His death furnishes the proper grounds for us to have eternal life (compare Hebrews 9:15). Let us be quick to add the entitlement created is God's not ours. He is entitled to us, not we to Him. Jesus is the One who holds "the keys of hell and of death." (Revelation 1:18) Not us. Even so, God's entitlement yields astonishing benefits. One is His invitation to "come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." May we do so out of a sense of gratitude, not entitlement. -V.E.

Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 1/25/24 Multiple Choice

Q: Jonah told his shipmates he was fleeing from whom? (a king, the Lord, his wife)

A: The Lord [Jonah 1:10]

Q: After Jonah was swallowed by the great fish he began to what? (pray, vomit, sleep)

A: Pray [Jonah 2:1]

Thought to Remember

The greatest love story was written in letters of crimson.

A talk and no walk is hypocrisy.

Questions for the Week of 2/1/24

Q: When Jonah was in the sea, what was wrapped around his head?

Q: God sent Jonah to preach in the city of _____.

Q: Part of Jonah's complaint was that God was "slow to _____."

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

LEGAL NOTICES:

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of
Rodney Calvin Penuel,
Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2024-006

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary having been granted to **Nick Shepard** as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Rodney Calvin Penuel** on the 17th day of January, 2024 by the Honorable **Jodee R. Thompson**, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
DONE this the 17th day of January, 2024.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson,
Probate Judge
1/25,2/1&8-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
CLARA CASEY,
Deceased
CASE NO. PR-2024-010

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to **Marie Leger**, as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Clara Casey** on the 19th day of January, 2024, by the Honorable **Jodee R. Thompson**, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson,
Probate Judge

Joshua Pipkin
Attorney for the Estate
P.O. Box 310272
Enterprise, AL 36331
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1/25,2/1&8-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF:
**AMBRIA C. FLEMING,
SR.,**
DECEASED.
CASE NO.: PR-2023-037

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 7th day of March, 2023, by the Honorable **Jodee R. Thompson**, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or such claims will be barred.
/s/ Christopher Fleming
**CHRISTOPHER
FLEMING**
Personal Representative
1/25,2/1&8-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of
LOUIS BERECZ,
Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2024-011

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **Louis Berecz**, deceased, having been granted to **Honka P. Terry**, Personal Representative, on the 19th day of January, 2024 by the Honorable **Jodee R. Thompson**, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this the 19th day of January, 2024.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson,
Probate Judge
1/25,2/1&8-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
**JOHNNIE LAMAR
GRICE,**
Deceased.
CASE NO. PR 2024-009

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to **Dora Ann Grice**, as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Johnnie Lamar Grice**, deceased, on the 17th day of January, 2024, by the Honorable **Jodee R. Thompson**, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
1/25,2/1&8-pd.

FORM OF ADVERTISE- MENT FOR COMPLE- TION

LEGAL NOTICE
In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that **Boutwell Flooring** has completed the contract for improvements throughout the Coffee County School System. **Boutwell** has completed the flooring improvement project for the State of Alabama and the Coffee County Board of Education. A formal request for final settlement of said contract has been received. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the Coffee County Board of Education.
1/25,2/1&8-chg

FORM OF ADVERTISE-

MENT FOR COMPLE- TION LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that **Covington Contracting, LLC** has completed the contract for improvements at **Zion Chapel School**. **Covington Contracting** has completed the glass replacement project for the State of Alabama and the Coffee County Board of Education. A formal request for final settlement of said contract has been received. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the Coffee County Board of Education.
1/25,2/1&8-chg.

FORM OF ADVERTISE- MENT FOR COMPLE- TION LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that **Covington Contracting, LLC** has completed the contract for improvements at **New Brockton Elementary School**. **Covington Contracting** has completed the awning replacement project for the State of Alabama and the Coffee County Board of Education. A formal request for final settlement of said contract has been received. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the Coffee County Board of Education.
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be equipped with reversible stabilizer pads, rubber on one side and dirt type on the other side. The buckets shall consist of one (1) 24" digging bucket with teeth and one 48" tilting ditching bucket with hydraulic quick coupler with hydraulic thumb. The Backhoe shall have an auxiliary hydraulic circuit to operate the hydraulic tilting bucket, with manual 3 way shut off valve to swap between tilt bucket and hydraulic thumb. The unit shall have a pilot operated backhoe joystick control system that will allow operator to choose between SAE and ISO Control pattern. The unit shall include the following miscellaneous equipment: ROPS cab with two doors, heater and a/c; front and rear work lights; LED hazard lights; LED turn signals; SMV emblem; LED rotating beacon light; tool box; engine/transmission oil monitoring; engine temperature; hydraulic oil temperature; tachometer; hour meter; fuel gauge; backup alarm; rear fenders; vandalism protection with locks for hydraulic tank, engine access doors, and fuel tank, skid plates, front bumper with grill (coolers protection). All service compartments must be lockable. 19.5L x 24 or 21L x 24 - 10 ply drive tires; 12.5/80 18, or 14 x 17.5 10 ply traction type front tires. Factory Warranty: 5 year/ 3,000 hours full machine warranty; warranty must accompany units when delivered. Vendor to furnish two (2) sets of parts books, service manuals, technical manuals, and operator's manuals with each unit. Must have parts and service within 100 miles of delivery point. Must have three (3) sets of keys. Delivery date may be a factor in making the award.
Owner: The City of Elba
By: Tom Maddox
Title: Mayor
Date: January 9, 2024
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

THE ESTATE OF SCOTTY DWIGHT PATRICK, DECEASED
CASE NO. 23-086

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to AMANDA LYNN PATRICK on the 16th day of January, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred.

Done this 16th day of January, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Honorable Judge of Probate
Coffee County, Alabama
1/18,25&2/1-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of Julian A. Evans, III, Deceased.
Case No: PR-2024-005

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Josie R. Evans as Administrator of the Estate of Julian A. Evans, III, Deceased, on the 17th day of January, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge

of Probate. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Josie R. Evans
Josie R. Evans
1/25,2/1&8-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES P. SKINNER, DECEASED.
CASE NO.: PR-2023-219

NOTICE/ORDER To: PAULA AXTEL

You are hereby given notice that Margaret A. Skinner filed her Petition in writing and under oath, praying for an order of this Court to Probate the Will of James P. Skinner, deceased, and to appoint Margaret A. Skinner as executrix of said Estate.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the 21st day of February, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. is appointed a day for hearing on said Petition at the Coffee County Courthouse, Enterprise Division, Alabama. You may appear and contest the same if you choose.

DONE this 19th day of January, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge
Coffee County, Alabama
1/25,2/1&8-pd.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge
Coffee County, Alabama
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DIANNE M. NOWICKI, Deceased.
CASE NO. PR 2024-001

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Scott Michael Nowicki, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Dianne Marie Nowicki, deceased, on the 5th day of January, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
1/11,18&25-pd.

Waterworks & Sewer Board of the Town of New Brockton
New Brockton, AL
Water Main Replacement Project
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Water Main Replacement Project will be received by the Waterworks & Sewer Board of the Town of New Brockton, at their office located at 706 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, AL 36351, until 2:00 p.m. local time on February 1, 2024 at which time the Bids received will be opened and read aloud. The Project consists of replacing approximately 8,840 feet of existing water mains with a new 6" PVC water main and necessary appurtenances.

Contract No. 1-Water Main Replacement Project, Estimate=\$345,000, Contract Time=60 Days

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: DHA Engineering, LLC, 2323 W. Main Street Ste. 227B Dothan, AL 36301, 334-585-5841, harmojc@gmail.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office via pick-up or mail upon a non-refundable production cost payment of \$100.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at the Waterworks & Sewer Board of the Town of New Brockton Office, 706 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, AL 36351.

All bidders must register as an official plan holder with the engineer no later than 48 hours prior to the bid open-

ing. The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and reject any or all bids. Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders. Bidders shall submit proof of qualifications to perform the Work as described in the Instructions to Bidders.

Owner: Waterworks & Sewer Board of the Town of New Brockton
By: Lucas Green
Title: Chairman
Date: January 8, 2024
END OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
1/11,18&25-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF FRED GRISWOLD, JR., DECEASED
CAUSE NO: PR-2023-204

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO OPEN INTESTATE ESTATE

You will please take notice that on the 15th day of May, 2023, a certain instrument in writing, titled Petition to Open Intestate Estate and Appoint Administrator of Estate was filed by Mary Beth Henderson, Coffee County Conservator, acting in her capacity as Conservator of Loretta Griswold, the surviving spouse of Fred Griswold, Jr. and that the 16th day of February, 2024, at 9:00 o'clock A.M. was appointed the day for the hearing of the same at the Coffee County Courthouse, Enterprise Division, Alabama at which time you may appear and contest same, if you see proper.

Done, this the 10th day of January, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge
1/18,25&2/1-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO: PC-2023-088

IN THE MATTER OF BRENDA MADDOX, Deceased.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of January, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to

present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Witness my hand this the 11th day of January, 2024.

/s/ VAN MADDOX
Personal Representative
1/18,25&2/1-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

THE ESTATE OF EVA MILLER, DECEASED.
CASE NO. PC-2023-039-B

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of January, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

James Miller,
Personal Representative
Estate of Eva Miller
c/o Hamp Baxley Ramsey, Baxley & McDougale
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1/18,25&2/1-pd.

State of Alabama
County of CoffeePR-2024-004
Probate Court

Notice to the Creditors of Estate of Olene H. Howell, deceased.

Letters Testamentary upon the estate of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 17th day of January, 2024, by the Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, duly sworn to, in the Probate Court of said county within the time allowed by law or else will be forever barred.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our youngest grandson Cannon may be bound to be a world traveler, or at least someone that enjoys getting out of the house. Every time his Nanny goes over to babysit they take long strolls around the neighborhood and he gets to see the world as he knows it at the ripe old age of just seventeen months. Ah yes, no doubt the world will only get bigger and bigger!

For what it is worth....

*** *It was quite a week for the basketball teams* at Elba High as both the Tigers and Lady Tigers rolled to four straight wins. The Tigers stunned area leading Florala early in the week and all of the sudden have a shot at pulling off a shocker by claiming the regular season crown. Everyone on the roster has been a part of the recent surge, but perhaps none more than junior guard Alvin Henderson, who since a visit from an Alabama assistant football coach has averaged almost 20 points a game and has become the team's leader on the court. As for the girls, the Lady Tigers made it look easy in all four wins as they posted lopsided wins in all four games and in a new look used an aggressive defense to lead the way. If the Lady Tigers can put some points on the scoreboard and still play their style of defensive aggression, the sky is the limit.

*** *The high school basketball season* is quickly winding down and it looks like all the teams in the area still have a real chance at making noise heading into the tournament. In boy's action, Zion Chapel has been a team to watch all season and isn't backing down, while New Brockton is getting better and better and is a team no one wants to play, Brantley is much better than any think and is always a threat, and Kinston is just sitting and waiting to pull off an upset. Over on the girls side, New Brockton and Kinston are both on a roll and looking ahead to the post-season, while Brantley can never be overlooked and Zion Chapel is playing to get better and have fun. It looks like a fun time ahead when the area tournaments tip off.

*** *Former Alabama football coach Nick Saban* stated "The University of Alabama has been a very special place," while speaking in an interview after his retirement, and after reading a recent article in Forbes there are a couple of million reasons why. According to the business magazine, Saban has earned an estimated \$150 million during his 51-year career that came to an end recently after 17 years at Tuscaloosa. He took home \$124 million during his stay at Alabama, and his career earnings are even more than Tiger Woods earned in golf and Rafael Nadal earned in tennis. In his first season with the Crimson Tide, Saban had a \$3.5 million annual contract, which ain't bad, but pales in comparison with his \$11.7 million annual contract this past season. While the money made as a coach is nothing short of amazing, it doesn't even include all the money he made as the spokesman for various companies or the profit from his nine automobile franchises in Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, Tennessee and Florida. Just the two Mercedes Benz dealerships in Miami are valued at \$700 million! All Bama fans enjoyed having Saban as the head coach and will never forget all his accomplishments, but the years in Tuscaloosa weren't too bad for the ball coach, either.

*** *In closing....* The Elba Tigers released their 2024 high school football schedule last week and it looks like the fans will get to stay home six times during the ten-week season. Home games include Glenwood, McKenzie, Kinston, Goshen, Georgiana and Florala, with road trips to Luverne, Brantley, Red Level and Pleasant Home. It won't be as much fun next season when the schedule flips. So, let's enjoy the upcoming season and save on gas.

Win four games in one week

Elba Tigers are on a tear

The Elba Tigers continued their late-season surge last week as they hit the court four times and logged four big wins to keep their regular season title hopes alive and well.

Following is a recap of last week's four wins:
Elba 81 Kinston 34

The Elba Tigers pulled away in the second quarter and coasted in with an impressive 81-34 area win over the Kinston Bulldogs.

Alvin Henderson and Jamal Siler combined for 10 first quarter points and Cody Gray and Ty Sieving both nailed three-pointers as the Tigers jumped out to an 18-11 lead, while Elba broke loose in the second stanza and led by the inside scoring Siler and the play of Henderson poured in 28 second quarter points to carry a 46-20 lead in at the half.

Ty Sieving hit three three-pointers in the third quarter and scored 13 points as Elba kept pouring it on in the third quarter and stretched its lead to 73-24, and the Tigers put it in cruise in the final stanza to seal the deal on the lopsided 81-34 win.

Alvin Henderson and Ty Sieving scored 16 points, apiece, to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Jamal Siler 15, Jacob Watkins 12, Emmanuel Cooks 6, Cody Gray 5 and Brady Johnson 5. Scoring for Kinston were Zane Martin 10, Colby Tew 7, Jon Simmons 6, Whitt Floyd 4, Michael Thompson 4, Drew Branch 2 and CJ Lunsford 1.

Elba 69 Florala 52

The Elba Tigers kept their area title hopes alive and moved into a tie atop the area standings with an impressive 69-52 area win over the Florala Wildcats.

Cody Gray scored five points in the opening quarter to help the Tigers open up an early 13-7 lead, while Alvin Henderson scored nine points in the second quarter and the Tigers got hot from behind the arc as they drained four three-pointers to carry a 31-16 lead in at intermission.

Ty Sieving and Jamal Siler combined for 15 points in the third quarter as the Tigers lead ballooned to 54-32, and Siler remained in command inside in the final stanza as Elba held on to post the big 69-52 area win.

Alvin Henderson scored 22 points to lead Elba, while

also scoring for the Tigers were Jamal Siler 19, Cody Gray 11, Cameron Gray 8, Ty Sieving 5, Jacob Watkins 2 and Emmanuel Cooks 2. Rayshon Coleman scored 27 points to lead the Wildcats.

Elba 73 Pike Lib 62

The Elba Tigers rallied in the second half to claim a hard fought 73-62 road win over the Pike Lib Patriots, in Troy.

Alvin Henderson and Cameron Gray combined to score 11 points in the first quarter as Elba battled to a 19-19 tie, and even though Jamal Siler took charge inside and scored 12 points in the second quarter the Tigers went in at the half trailing 37-36. Henderson and Siler combined for 12 points in the third quarter and Elba heated out from behind the arc to move on top 58-53, and the Tiger defense took command in the final stanza and Alvin Henderson scored 11 points as Elba closed out the 73-62 win.

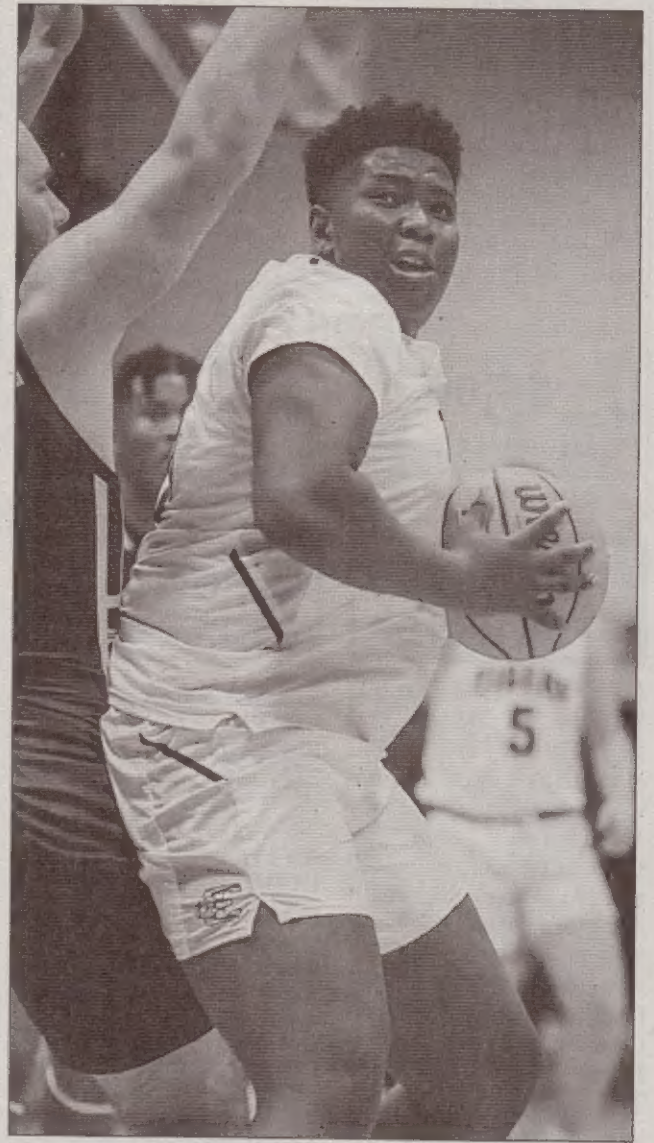
Alvin Henderson scored 25 points and Jamal Siler added 21 to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Jacob Watkins 9, Cameron Gray 7, Cody Gray 6, Ty Sieving 4 and Emmanuel Cooks 3. Sawyer Keck scored 32 points and connected on six three-pointers to lead Pike Lib.

Elba 58 Opp 44

The Elba Tigers closed out a perfect week on the court with a solid 58-44 road win over the Opp Bobcats.

Alvin Henderson and Cameron Gray combined for nine points in the first quarter as the Tigers crept out to a narrow 12-11 lead. However, Jamal Siler began to dominate inside in the second stanza and scored 10 points in the period as Elba carried a 26-17 lead in at the half. Cameron Gray nailed a pair of three-pointers in the third quarter to help the Tigers stretch their lead to 42-29, and Alvin Henderson scored eight points in the final stanza and hit two three-pointers as Elba never lost command and posted the 58-44 win.

Alvin Henderson scored 20 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Jamal Siler 14, Cameron Gray 10, Jacob Watkins 10 and Emmanuel Cooks 4. Dorian Harris scored 15 points to lead the Bobcats.



Elba Tiger Emmanuel Cooks gets position inside and prepares to drive to the goal during last week's win over Florala.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Tiger JV split four games in busy week on court

The Elba Tigers junior varsity had a busy week on the basketball court and posted two wins and two losses.

Following is a recap of last week's action:

Elba 34 Kinston 26

The Elba Tigers staged a furious fourth quarter rally to post an exciting 34-26 win over the Kinston Bulldogs. The Tigers trailed 20-15 heading into the fourth quarter, but sparked by a 13-point outburst by Javante Griggs outscored the Bulldogs 19-6 in the stanza to rally and claim the wild win. Javante Griggs scored 20 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Ky'Avian Stoudemire 4, Johnathan Edwards 4, Easton McKelvy 3 and Matthew McCart 3. Scoring for Kinston were Tucker Marler 7, Gabe Hataway 6, Zachary Stanley 6, JD Weeks 3, Kolin Sims 3 and Carter Hughes 1.

Elba 52 Florala 33

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back to claim a big 52-33 win over the Florala Wildcats. Elba raced out to an early 15-4 lead and led 44-24 heading into the final stanza as the Tigers rolled to the big win at home. Javante Griggs scored 15 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Johnathan Edwards 15, Ky'Avian Stoudemire

10, Levi Martin 5, Ledell Ousley 3, Easton McKelvy 2 and Cassidy Carpenter 1. Bobby Coleman scored 12 points to lead the Wildcats.

Pike Lib 31 Elba 28

The Elba Tigers saw a second half rally fall short in a 31-28 road loss to the Pike Lib Patriots, in Troy. Elba got off to a slow start and trailed 14-9 at the half, but rallied and pulled ahead 22-20 heading into the fourth quarter, only to see the Patriots hit a late three-pointer to hand the Tigers the 31-28 loss. Scoring for Elba were Johnathan Edwards 10, Levi Martin 7, Cassidy Carpenter 4, Easton McKelvy 3, Skylar Mitchell 2 and Matthew McCart 2. Jacob Bowen scored 11 points and Jackson Bowen added 10 to lead Pike Lib.

Opp 35 Elba 20

The Elba Tigers had a hard time putting points on the scoreboard in a 35-20 road loss to the Opp Bobcats. Elba trailed only 14-13 at intermission, but scored only seven points in the second half as the Bobcats took charge and ran away with the win. Johnathan Edwards scored 9 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Skylar Mitchell 4, Cassidy Carpenter 3, Easton McKelvy 2 and Ky'Avian Stoudemire 2. Savon Barnes scored 12 points to lead the Bobcats.

SCHEDULES

Thursday, Jan. 25

Wicksburg at Elba
Highland Home at Zion Chapel

Florala at Brantley
Headland at New Brockton

Friday, Jan. 26

Straughn at Elba
Kinston at Houston County
Pike Lib at Zion Chapel
Northside Methodist at New Brockton

Saturday, Jan. 27

Opp at Brantley

Monday, Jan. 29

Brantley at Elba
Houston County at Kinston

Tuesday, Jan. 30

Kinston at Samson
New Brockton at Zion Chapel

Thursday, Feb. 1

Zion Chapel at Elba
Emmanuel Christian at Kinston
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Hunting Spotlight...



Eli Adams, age 10, killed this deer Sunday, Jan. 21, while hunting in Coffee County, Alabama.

SPORTS NEWS

Lady Tigers win four straight to close in on area championship

The fourth-ranked Elba Lady Tigers made the most of a busy week on the basketball court as they rolled to four lopsided wins to close in on the regular season area title.

Following is a recap of all four wins:

Elba 46 Kinston 22

The Elba Lady Tigers jumped out to an early 13-0 lead and never looked back to post a solid 46-22 area win over the Kinston Lady Bulldogs.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored nine points in the opening quarter to help the Lady Tigers grab a 13-1 lead, and Whitfield continued to pile up the points in the second and third quarters as the Elba lead grew to 41-8 heading into the final stanza. Kinston's Kaley Norris scored eight points in the fourth quarter to lead a late Lady Bulldogs rally, but it was way too little, way too late, as Elba held on for the 46-22 area win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 26 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Brooke Tinsley 5, Ana Caldwell 5, Ayrika Caldwell 3, Tajah Robinson 2, Kendra Juarez 2, Ny'Asia McCollough 2 and Alayvia Stinson 1. Scoring for the Lady Bulldogs were Kaley Norris 15, Lilli Sumblin 2, Maggie Martin 2, Camdyn Norris 2 and Lauren Norris 1.

Elba 51 Florala 31

The Elba Lady Tigers combined a balanced scoring attack with an aggressive defense to post a 51-31 area win over the

Florala Lady Wildcats.

Alayvia Stinson and Kendra Juarez combined for 10 points in the first quarter as the Lady Tigers grabbed an early 15-7 lead, and while the Ny'Asia McCollough and Ana Caldwell scored four points apiece in the second quarter, the Lady Tigers were unable to pull away and went in at the half with a 28-19 advantage. Tajah Robinson scored six points in the third quarter and Alayvia Stinson nailed a three-pointer as Elba stretched its lead to 43-29, and the Lady Tigers limited Florala to only two points in the final stanza to claim the key 51-31 area win.

Ana Caldwell and Kendra Juarez scored 10 points, apiece, to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Alayvia Stinson 8, Ny'Asia McCollough 8, A'Lyric Whitfield 5 and Brooke Tinsley 2. Elizabeth Sanders and Alyssa Thames both scored 7 points to lead Florala.

Elba 66 Pike Lib 2

The Elba Lady Tigers barely broke a sweat in rolling to a 66-2 road win over the Pike Lib Lady Patriots, in Troy.

Elba jumped out to a 27-0 first quarter lead as A'Lyric Whitfield and Alayvia Stinson combined for 13 points, while Ayrika Caldwell drained a pair of three-pointers in the second stanza as the Lady Tigers carried a 36-1 in at intermission. Whitfield and Stinson were back at it in the third quarter and

combined for 13 points as Elba's lead grew to 55-2, and Sydney Siler scored five points in the final quarter to close the books on the lopsided 6-2 win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 15 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Ayrika Caldwell 14, Alayvia Stinson 12, Ana Caldwell 10, Sydney Siler 5, Brooke Tinsley 4, Keelie Moseley 2 and Kendra Juarez 2. JuJu Knight and Mary Holland Stephens both scored 1 points for Pike Lib.

Elba 58 Opp 30

The Elba Lady Tigers put the wraps on a perfect week on the court with a dominating 58-30 road win over the Opp Lady Bobcats.

A'Lyric Whitfield came out on fire in the first quarter and poured in 20 points as the Lady Tigers raced out to an early 25-4 lead. Ana Caldwell and Kendra Juarez combined for 11 points in the second stanza as Elba carried a big 46-15 lead in at intermission, and Whitfield and Alayvia Stinson scored four points, apiece, in the third quarter as the Lady Tigers lead grew to 58-24 and put the icing on the big road win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 27 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Kendra Juarez 9, Alayvia Stinson 7, Ana Caldwell 6, Ny'Asia McCollough 5, Tajah Robinson 2 and Ayrika Caldwell 2. Kiana Barnes and Dionna Stoudemire both scored seven points for Opp.



Elba Lady Tiger Ana Caldwell (4) eyes the basket in last week's area win over Florala. Caldwell scored 10 points in the 51-31 win to help the Lady Tigers close in on the regular season area championship.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)



TROY freshman angler Avery Padgett was the lone Trojan to qualify for the national championship. (submitted photo)

Padgett competes at national championship fishing event for Troy University bass team

by Cliff Lusk, Troy University

TROY freshman angler Avery Padgett has done some serious bass fishing this year, qualifying him to compete in the Major League Fishing's ABU Garcia College Fishing National Championship in January.

Padgett, an Elba native, was the lone TROY angler to qualify for the tournament, fishing at Kissimmee's (FL) Lake Toho.

"This was a huge accomplishment for me as a freshman to qualify for a MLF national championship," Padgett said. "I knew going into it that it wasn't going to be easy, as I have never been to this lake before and with only two short days of practice."

Padgett said his gameplan developed over the two days of practice, where he caught enough fish in practice to believe he could catch about 15 pounds of fish per day in the tournament. That was before a cold front with rain blew in and caused the cancellation of Day 1, a first ever for the tournament.

Overall, Padgett finished the tournament 120th out of 135 teams, weighing in just six pounds, 11 ounces on three fish. The Adrian College team edged out Campbellsville University by 1 ounce to take the win with 10 fish weighing 42 pounds, 4 ounces. Only four single anglers placed in the top 50.

"I was boat 130 out of 138 and had a late weigh-in time, so I thought that would help my bite. Unfortunately, that didn't happen, and I didn't make the right adjustments throughout the

tournament to re-locate the fish," he said. "This was a huge learning experience that I can take away from for years to come."

The TROY team competed the week before on the Harris Chain of Lakes, which had also proven a tricky tournament. There,

Padgett and his partner Kasen Pemberton were able to salvage some Tackle Warehouse School of the Year points, where the Trojans are currently ranked 26th nationally.

"Florida had my number but there is always next year," Padgett added.

High School

HOOPS HIGHLIGHTS

BOYS:

Rebels ambush Pike Lib Patriots 82-61

The Zion Chapel Rebels lit up the scoreboard in an 82-61 road win over the Pike Lib Patriots. Slade Grantham poured in 40 points and hit five three-pointers to lead the Rebels, while Jacob Chestnut added 14 points and Hayden Speckert scored 12 points and pulled down 14 rebounds. Jackson Mitchell scored 16 points and Sawyer Keck added 14 to lead the Patriots.

Bulldogs coast past Houston Co. 66-38

The Brantley Bulldogs claimed an important 66-38 area win over the Houston County Lions. Isaac Walker scored 19 points to lead the Lions.

Gamecocks soar past Daleville 68-55

The New Brockton Gamecocks posted an impressive 68-55 win over the Daleville War Hawks. Anthony Silar scored 25 points to lead New Brockton, while Josiah Peterson added 13 points and Kenyon Kilow scored 10. Moses McDowell scored 22 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead the War Hawks.

Rebels battle past Luverne Tigers 65-54

The Zion Chapel Rebels battled for all four quarters in a solid 65-54 area win over the Luverne Tigers. Slade Grantham scored 20 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Jacob Chestnut and Joseph LeGear both added 15 points and Mason Stuart scored 13 points and grabbed 12 rebounds.

Gamecocks claw past Opp in OT 67-57

The New Brockton Gamecocks posted an exciting 67-57 area road win over the Opp Bobcats. Josiah Peterson scored 20 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Baylon Foster added 14, Yassiah Rousseau 12 and Anthony Silar 8. Dorian Harris scored 13 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead the Bobcats.

Bulldogs roll over Kinston 55-39

The Brantley Bulldogs claimed a key 55-39 area win over Kinston. Janyies Tyson scored 26 points and Daylan Davis added 21 to lead Brantley, while Michael Thompson scored 15 points to lead Kinston, with CJ Lunsford scoring 11 and Colby Tew 8.

GIRLS:

Lady Rebels outscored by Pike Lib 35-16

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels had a hard time putting points on the scoreboard in a 35-16 road loss to Pike Lib.

Lady Gamecocks dump Daleville 74-25

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks made it look easy in a lopsided 74-25 win over the Daleville Lady Hawks. Casey Williams and Ariana Smith both scored 17 points to lead New Brockton, while Smith also added eight rebounds and handed out seven assists. Aniya Barkley added 14 points, Kate Weeks scored 11 and

Reese Eddins added nine for the Lady Gamecocks.

Lady Gamecocks battle past Opp 58-40

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks claimed a key 58-40 area road win over the Opp Lady Bobcats. Reese Eddins scored 11 points to lead New Brockton, while Ariana Smith added 10. Cuba Wiggins scored 11 points and had nine rebounds to lead Opp.

Lady Bulldogs blast Brantley 55-31

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs posted an impressive 55-31 area win over Brantley. Kaley Norris scored 29 points and went over the 1,000-point plateau in her career, while Lauren Norris added 11 and Lilli Sumblin scored 9 points.



Kinston Coach Andrew Norris congratulates Kaley Norris on scoring the 1,000th point of her career in a win over Brantley.

Lady Tigers up to #4 in Class 1A

The Alabama Sports Writers Association released its weekly high school basketball poll with the Elba Lady Tigers moving up two spots to the #4 ranking in Class 1A. Following is a list of the "Top 3" teams in each classification, as well as area teams in the weekly statewide standings: (Girls) Class 7A – 1. Bob Jones, 2. Sparkman, 3. Vestavia Hills; Class 6A – 1. Hazel Green, 2. Hillcrest Tuscaloosa, 3. Mortimer Jordan; Class 5A – 1. Pleasant Grove, 2. Jasper, 3. Southside Gadsden; Class 4A – 1. Prattville Christian, 2. Good Hope, 3. Deshler, 9. Geneva; Class 3A – 1. Lauderdale County, 2. Plainville, 3. Clements; Class 2A – 1. Mars Hill Bible, 2. Cold Springs, 3. Decatur Heritage, ; Class 1A – 1. Spring Garden, 2. Skyline, 3. Belgreen, 4. Elba. (Boys) Class 7A – 1. Huntsville, 2. Hoover, 3. Austin; Class 6A – 1. Buckhorn, 2. Paul Bryant, 3. Mountain Brook; Class 5A – 1. Fairfield, 2. Valley, 3. Madison Academy, 10. Eufula; Class 4A – 1. Hale County, 2. Jacksonville, 3. White Plains, 6. Geneva; Class 3A – 1. Sumter Central, 2. Houston Academy, 3. Cottage Hill; Class 2A – 1. LaFayette, 2. Red Bay, 3. Mars Hill Bible, 6. Zion Chapel; Class 1A – 1. Covenant Christian, 2. Georgiana, 3. Marion County, 5. Red Level, 6. Florala.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Doing Good in the Neighborhood...The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 had a good year in 2023, and members are looking forward to a great 2024. As one of the most active lodges in the state, members recognize they could not do all they do without the support of the local communities. With that in mind, members are happy to give a little back, and recently, the Elba Public Library received a \$300 check from the Elba Masonic Lodge. The funds were given to the library in appreciation for support it gave the masons with their annual car show fundraiser. Elba Public Library director Jennifer Amlong accepted the check on behalf of library. Those pictured above are S/W Mike Amison, Worshipful Master Wendell Black, Amlong, and Eddie Kelley.

CCYLP students navigate Fort Novosel

by Chris Mendez,
Fort Novosel Public Affairs

The saying goes, "Seek and you will find." Students from the Coffee County Youth Leadership Program (CCYLP) came seeking leadership examples, lessons, and career opportunities as they visited Fort Novosel on Jan. 10, 2024. According to the Chairman of the CCYLP, Gavin Mauldin, that's exactly what they found. The CCYLP includes students from six different high schools across Coffee County, including Kinston, Enterprise, Elba, Zion Chapel, New Brockton, and Enterprise Christian Academy, who applied and interviewed to be in the program during their junior year.

Their first stop in the morning during the community engagement tour was at the Engagement Skills Trainer inside the Training Support Center. The students familiarized themselves with various weapons, learned how to zero them, and were able to send virtual rounds down range on the trainers during different scenarios.

Students visited Knox Heliport where they got up close and personal with the CH-47 Chinook. Staff Sgt. Colten Lockard from 1-223rd Aviation Regiment connected with each of the



Staff Sgt. Colten Lockard from 1-223rd Aviation Regiment explains the CH-47 rotor system to Elba High School student Alyssa McFarland. (photo by Chris Mendez)

youth leaders and discussed the history of the CH-47, its place in Army Aviation, the various leadership roles of each crew member, and the various career opportunities at Fort Novosel.

Students learned that having the proper training and utilizing the correct equipment to accomplish the mission is also an important part of leadership. For each member of the team to function properly they need to be highly trained and properly equipped to succeed.

Rodolfo Gutierrez from Enterprise High School said, "Being inside the helicopter and putting on the equipment that these aviators wear was amazing. It gave me a real sense of what it's like to be an Army Aviator here at Fort Novosel."

"I learned a lot about leadership today, specifically when it comes to what it takes to pilot an aircraft and lead crew members to accomplish their mission. Good communication skills are important in the air and on the ground. It really is a team effort from everyone involved," said Elba High School student Alyssa McFarland.

ESSC Cerebral Weevils calling for middle school teams for scholars' bowl tourney

The Enterprise State Community College Cerebral Weevils is calling for teams for its first Middle

The final stop on the tour was at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum which maintains a collection of over 160 military aircraft, including one of the largest collections of military helicopters in the world. The students learned more about the history of Aviation through the many exhibits, and memorabilia and how it related to what they experienced throughout the day. Lt. Col. Macky Price, Battalion Commander of the 1-212 Aviation Regiment spoke with the students, explaining what leadership is and the various ways they can implement it into their lives.

"If we can't define what leadership is, then how can we be an effective leader?" said Price. "Leadership and how you interact with people goes hand in hand so helping these students understand how the two coincide together is important for their growth into future leaders in their communities."

If you are interested in a tour of Fort Novosel for your school, JROTC, or community leadership group please call Public Affairs at 334-255-2551.

School Scholars' Bowl Tournament on March 1.

The tournament is open to homeschool, public and private school teams. Team members must be in grades 5-8, and all participants must be under 14 years old.

Cost to participate is \$100 per team, which includes lunch for one coach or sponsor and five team members. There will be an additional \$10 fee for meals and snacks for every extra attendant.

Schools can also receive a \$10 buzzer discount, limited to one per team (not per school). A school can have multiple teams participate in the tournament.

To register your team or learn more about setting up a middle school team, visit www.nagt.com. Registration for the event will be completed entirely online.

For questions about the tournament, contact Kathy Pattie at kpattie@essc.edu.

Visit Coffee County's website for upcoming election information

Coffee County Probate Judge Jodee R. Thompson invites voters to visit the election website: www.coffeecountyvotes.com. While there, one can:

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Feb. 12 deadline to register to vote in Alabama's March 5 Primary Elections

Coffee County officials remind voters that Monday, Feb. 12, at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline for registering to vote in time for the March 5, 2024 Primary Elections.

Also, voters who want to update their voting information to reflect a change in name or address should contact the Board of Registrars. The telephone number for the Board of Registrars is 894-5347.

RWCC meeting set for Feb. 21st

The Republican Women of Coffee County [RWCC] will meet Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 11 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club, 3000 Ozark Highway.

The guest speakers will be incumbent Congressmen Barry Moore and Jerry Carl, candidates for Congressional District 1.

In 2023, a court-ordered redistricting redrew the lines for Alabama congressional districts. The new map redistricted Coffee County and some other Congressional District 2 counties into District 1. This resulted in

the only incumbent vs incumbent Congressional US House election.

Also speaking are the Coffee County District 3 School Board representative candidates Galen McWaters (incumbent) and Brandy Woodham.

Social time begins at 11; an optional \$13 buffet begins at 11:30; and the program begins at approximately 11:45. Everyone is invited, but reservations are required. Please contact Barb to RSVP at rwccreservations@gmail.com, and let her know if planning to eat.

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